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BEGIN SUMMARY: SEC GEN OF FORTHCOMING ISLAMIC SUMMIT  
REPORTEDLY INDICATES TO TURKS THAT ARAB WORLD WILL REGARD  
ANY PEACE SETTLEMENT REACHED IN GENEVA AS AN ARMISTICE  
INSTEAD OF THE  
END TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. HE ARGUES  
FOR A JIHAD ATTITUDE AMONG ISLAMIC STATES. END SUMMARY.

1. AS HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, TURK MFA OFFICIALS  
HAVE BEEN APPREHENSIVE RE FORTHCOMING ISLAMIC SUMMIT IN  
LAHORE, AND SO FAR APPEAR DETERMINED TO RESIST AND, IF  
NECESSARY, TO IGNORE ANY DEMANDS ON TURKEY FOR CUTTING  
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. NEVERTHELESS, PRESSURES CONTINUE TO  
BE APPLIED TO TURKS. LATEST SUCH EXAMPLE WAS DECEMBER  
VISIT OF HASSAN AL-TUHAMI. AL-TUHAMI, REPORTEDLY AN  
OFFICIAL DEALING WITH RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS IN THE EGYPTIAN

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PRESIDENT' S SECRETARIAT, IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE SEC GEN FOR

THE FORTHCOMING ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN LAHORE.

2. THE TURKS APPARENTLY KEPT THE AL-TUHAMI VISIT UNDER WRAPS OF A SORT, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND HE CAME TO ANKARA TO SOUND OUT THE TURKS ABOUT DRAFT RESOLUTIONS THAT MIGHT BE INTRODUCED AT LAHORE. HE REPORTEDLY TALKED ONLY WITH SOYSAL, DIRGEN OF POL AFFAIRS, AND FONMIN BAYULKEN.

3. INFO WE HAVE ACQUIRED THROUGH THE FRG EMB DCM (WHO HAD AN INTIMATE TALK WITH SOYSAL ABOUT THE VISIT), AS WELL AS FROM MFA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ME AFFIARS. INDICATES THAT AL-TUHAMI TOOK AN EXCEPTIONALLY MILITANT POSITION. HE CLAIMED IT WAS THE OFFICIAL ARAB POSITION THAT A PEACE SETTLEMENT REACHED IN GENEVA, HOWEVER FAVORABLE TO THE ARABS, WOULD BE REGARDED AS AN ARMISTICE AND NOT A FINAL END TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. AL-TUHAMI CLAIMED A JIHAD EXISTED IN ALL BUT NAME AND THAT IT SHOULD BE FORMALIZED BY APPROPRIATE ACTIONS OF THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. AS SOON AS THE PEACE SETTLEMENT WAS BREACHED IN ANY WAY BY ISRAEL, AL-TUHAMI SAID THAT THE ARABS WOULD ENTER ALL-OUT WAR. HE THEN ASKED THAT TURKEY COMMIT ITSELF TO SEVERING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AT THAT TIME, IF NOT BEFORE, AND "SUPPORT" THE ARABS. AL-TUHAMI CLAIMED THAT KING FAYSAL HAD A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY AND COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO TURKEY, GIVEN A SATISFACTORY TURKISH POSITION.

4. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMANTS, THE TWO TURKS WERE PRIVATELY OUTRAGED AT AL-TUHAMI'S MENTION OF SAUDI MONEY BUT DELIVERED A SOFT ANSWER TO THE EFFECT THAT AN INTERIM GOVT LIKE THE PRESENT ONE COULD NOT COMMIT THE STATE TO ANY FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION. THE UNDERLYING TENOR OF THEIR REMARKS HOWEVER, WAS CLEARLY NGATIVE. ONE OF THE FEW JOURNALISTS WHO HAD FOUND OUT ABOUT THE AL-TUHAMI VISIT SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THAT THE EGYPTIAN HAD LEFT ANKARA DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED.

5. THR FRG DCM, WHOM WE CONSIDER A CAREFUL REPORTER, TOLD US THAT SOYSAL HAD SAID TO HIM THAT HE AND BAYULKEN

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HAD CONCLUDED THAT AL-TUHAMI'S COMMENTS AS REGARDS AN ARMISTICE MIGHT WELL REFLECT MUCH OFFICIAL THINKING IN CAIRO. THIS LATTER CONCLUSION HAS NOT BEEN BORNE OUT IN OUR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH TURK OFFICIALS. THE AMB, FOR EXAMPLE, ON JAN 11, SOUNDED OUT MFA'S SEC GEN EREZ ON ARAB ATTITUDES. EREZ STATED FLATLY THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ARABS WERE PLANNING TO TREAT AN AGREEMENT AS AN ARMISTICE AND THEN RENEW THE ATTACK AT A LATER TIME.

HE STRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE ARABS HAD BECOME MORE  
REALISTIC SINCE THE JUNE 1967 WAR AND THAT SEDAT IN  
PARTICULAR WAS WORKING TOWARDS A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF  
THE CONFLICT.

6. ZZEZ INCIDENTALLY REITERATED THAT THE TURKISH FONMIN  
WOULD ATTEND THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT, RATHER THAN A HEAD OF  
GOVT OR IEF OF STATE (THIS DECISION, HOWEVER, WOULD  
HAVE TO BE CONFIRMED BY ANY NEW GOVT FORMED IN THE  
MEANTIME).  
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